

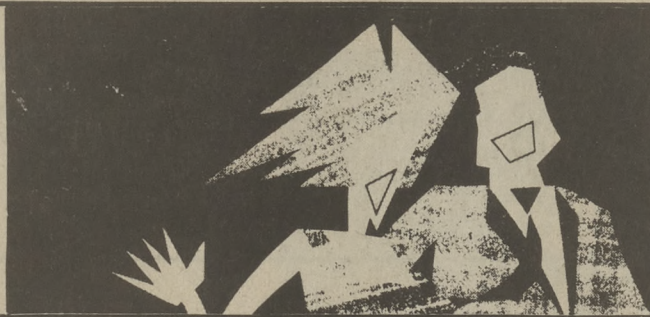
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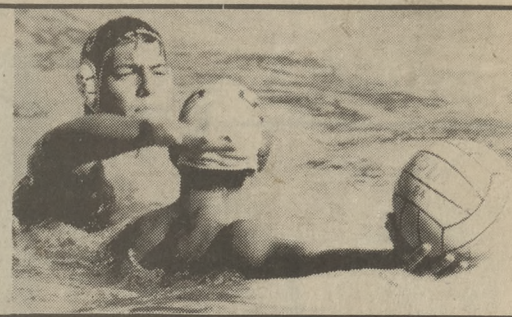
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## Summer start leaves staff, students sizzling



*The trees at Valley enjoyed new popularity this week as the temperature rose to record highs. John Kim (above) stakes his claim in the shade.*

*Due to lack of air conditioning in many campus buildings, some instructors began bringing their classes outside (left) for the "three R's"—readin', writin' and relief.*

By MARY CRONIN, Editor-in-Chief

It may well be that "some like it hot," but Billy Wilder would have been hard pressed to find anyone at Valley who is enjoying the current heat wave.

As temperatures hovered around the hundred mark, students, teachers, and staff workers tried to make the best of a sizzling situation.

Since most of Valley's buildings are not air conditioned, the advisability of starting classes in August rather than September has been questioned, but Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell thinks that air conditioning in all of the buildings should be a high priority no matter what the schedule is.

"Even if we were not on this schedule, we will need air conditioning eventually. Studies show that the learning curve is affected with every five degrees of temperature variation, whether hot or cold, beyond a certain comfort zone," said Breckell.

But, she added, installation of air conditioning takes money, and with the budget situation faced by the administration, every expenditure demands very careful evaluation.

One of the biggest problems right now, she said, is in the areas where the students and teachers are used to having air conditioning. Some of these areas are not functioning.

"The repairs go slowly in this heat because vendors are busy."

Dave Ogne, plant supervisor, said that the biggest problem facing his department is the age of the equipment.

"Our equipment is older, and we don't have time to overhaul it. We deal with problems as they

come up," he said.

Ogne is proud of his staff, despite the fiscally-enforced "survival mode" they are in. The problems are small, he said, and repairs on campus are 95 percent complete, despite the fact that his staff is less than half of what it was in 1978 and is still declining.

"That's probably a record in such warm weather," said Ogne. "I am real proud of the maintenance crew efforts. We're in excellent shape considering the demand. I hope it goes this well when it gets really warm in September."

One of the major breakdowns last week was in the Women's Gym, where a small part that had to be ordered from the East Coast held up repairs on the air conditioning for almost a week. The problem is now resolved.

Out on the playing fields, athletes didn't seem to be too bothered by the heat.

Football player Julina Ramiu said, "It really doesn't affect my game, but sitting in a hot classroom all day leaves me drained."

Teammate Danny Delao said, "The heat slows us down a bit and makes the practice seem longer."

Baseball player Marty Chavez said that when he is out on the field, he really doesn't notice the heat except when he's running.

For those who might wonder where a student can go on campus to beat the heat, here is a list of air conditioned buildings: Administration, Library, Women's Gym, Life Science, part of the cafeteria, part of the Music Building, Campus Center, and any rooms where computers are installed.

Photos by David Bohrer

## Financial aid finds new home in East L.A. as district colleges centralize

By FRANN BART, Opinion Editor

Centralization of the financial aid system for Valley College and all other colleges of the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) has begun.

The change, which was announced by the Board of Trustees last February, has consolidated personnel from each college and relocated them to new headquarters at East L.A. College.

At the time of the announcement, LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai said that, among other improvements, centralization would remedy inefficient processing of the large number of student aid requests.

According to Ruth Siegel, Valley financial aids supervisor, all operations and processing of grants and

loans will take place at headquarters. All campuses will retain their present aid offices, but with reduced staffs.

Essentially, said Siegel, campus offices will serve as liaisons between students and headquarters. Students seeking or currently receiving financial aid will continue to deal with their own campus offices which will provide information, applications and review requests.

From there, all paperwork is sent on to East L.A. for processing and final determination of aid eligibility.

Along with Siegel, three employees remain in Valley's office. Another worker will be hired to handle loan requests only. Gaston Green, former assistant dean of financial aid and

head of the office, is now an assistant director at the new location.

Because of the changeover involving staff reduction and packing and transferring of files to East L.A. over the summer, many students were unhappily surprised by long delays and confusion in connection with their aid requests.

The confusion, said Siegel, "will hopefully be resolved. It's difficult to make this kind of change. Lots of students were calling and we told them we were centralizing. Most papers (at Valley) are at least partially processed."

The newly-appointed Director of Financial Aid Services at headquarters is Jose Robledo, formerly at

DeAnza Community College in northern California.

"True functioning of the centralized system will take the entire year," he said. What they are aiming for, he explained, is standardization of all procedures and application forms for colleges throughout the district.

He stressed reliance on campus financial aids offices. "They'll play an important role because of their location. We want to keep them informed," he said. For instance, if headquarters sends a letter to a student, a copy will automatically go to the student's campus office.

"There will be some bottlenecks and slowdowns," he said, "but we're going to work as quickly as we can."

## Library lights up for night students

By Eugene Hernandez, Assoc. News Editor

The library, closed at night for the first two weeks of the semester, has received funding from the administration which will enable the staff to keep the library open four nights a week until 9 p.m.

The early closing hours of the library stemmed from the lack of funding for student staff workers, according to librarian Cynthia Siskin.

The library has been open during the weekend from the beginning of the semester because of funding received from the Associated Student Union.

Library hours are now set at 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday; and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The problems of the libraries in the L.A. Community College District have become so acute that Dean Robert Hayes of the UCLA Library School has been invited to assist in an investigation of the situation, according to Siskin.

Lack of funding for periodicals continues to be a problem. Over 100 subscriptions to periodicals will have to be cancelled beginning January, 1985. The periodical budget has been reduced \$3,000 from last year, and is down \$5,000 from two years ago.

The list of subscriptions scheduled to be cancelled include a wide variety of titles covering subjects from education and law to sports and religion.



DAVID BOHRER / Valley Star

**GOING CHOPPING**—Valley Tae Kwon Do instructor Kirk Koskella ended The First American Traditional Martial Way Tournament with a demonstration of his skills by breaking nine cement bricks. Over 20 karate schools from as far away as San Diego participated in last Saturday's competition, which was held at Valley.

**Sept. 14 is the last day to file graduation petitions for Fall '84**



## STAR EDITORIALS

### Dark side of the library

For the first two weeks of this semester, we were faced with a situation at the library which can only be described as appalling.

Because of a lack of funds combined with bureaucratic slowness, the use of the library was denied to half of Valley's population—the night students.

The importance of the library in the quest for an education cannot be overstressed. It is an invaluable tool without which learning goals are virtually unattainable.

This year's leaders of the Associated Student Union recognize this, and, unlike

last September, when their funding for weekend library hours was delayed for almost a month, made sure that fiscal support was made available from the start of this semester. The council is to be commended for their wisdom.

We only wish the same could be said about Valley's administration.

In typical bureaucratic fashion, the administration waded through paperwork and processed priority lists while neglecting the needs of the night students.

And why is this segment of our student population singled out? Are they second-class citizens upon whom the burden of

economic woes must be thrust?

If fiscal necessity truly dictates that library hours be curtailed, doesn't fairness call for day and night students to equally share the inconvenience?

Anyone familiar with the problems of California's community colleges recognizes that these are hard times indeed. Budget cuts demand the demise of many classes and programs that had formerly been taken for granted.

But it is unthinkable to open the doors of a college without offering *all* incoming students the availability of that most important educational tool—the library.

### Constitutional right

## Firearms under control

By SCOTT DUBINSKY, Staff Writer

What James Huberty did in San Ysidro this past July does not represent the many decent and law abiding Americans who practice their Constitutional right to bear arms.

To believe that the random violence perpetrated by this madman should somehow prove something to us about ourselves is absurd.

Furthermore, obtaining automatic weapons through the mail is prohibited by the Gun Control Act (enacted Oct. 1968),

which clearly states all mail order sales of firearms and ammunition are restricted, except between licensed dealers.

In addition, the National Firearms Act states machine guns may not be obtained or possessed by ordinary citizens without special license by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Live grenades are also illegal for private citizens to own.

In terms of legislative restrictions on firearms, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark estimated approximately 200 million guns among the American population.

Conversely, even low level legislation, such as registration, would cost at least several hundred million dollars; total con-

There are also those who contend that gun control works in England, yet according to Superintendent Colin Greenwood of the West Yorkshire Constabulary, "The gun control laws, despite what we all believed and I believed too, have had no effect on serious armed crime at all. They have not reduced, as far as one can see, the number of illegal firearms... it's a complete waste of time."

Yes, it is true, legislation will limit access and funds for weapons. It will limit all the guns to

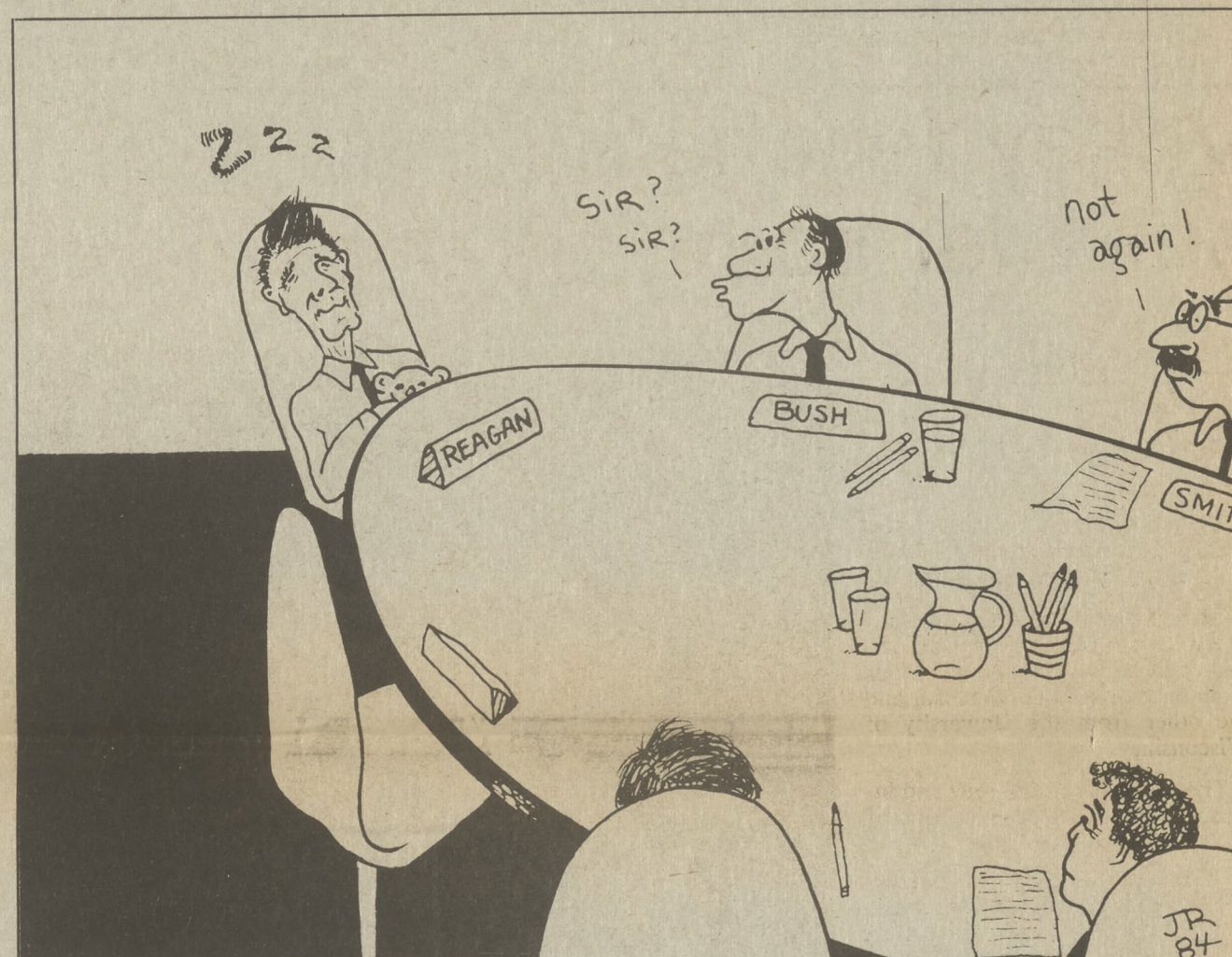
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fiscation and purchase at \$50 each would mean an expenditure of ten billion dollars.

Any such legislation would be seriously resisted by those with a strong moral conviction or of a criminal nature. So, even a two percent resistance rate (which is an extremely low figure), would still leave four million guns in circulation.

all criminals.

But it is important that citizens be aware the Second Amendment to the Constitution (the right to bear arms) was considered so important that it was only preceded by the freedom of press, speech and religion clauses in the Bill of Rights. I for one strongly oppose any change in the Constitution.



## Olympic memories: pins and pictures

By SUSAN DUDASIK, Assoc. Entertainment Editor

It's interesting how a simple piece of brightly painted metal can bring people together and serve as an international ambassador of goodwill.

During the Olympic Games, a strange phenomenon took place. Thousands of people were overcome by "Olympic Pin Fever." It struck without warning, and before long people all over Los Angeles were infected.

The whole thing began innocently enough. Somehow, you obtained an Olympic pin or two, and before long someone was asking where you got it. A conversation was started and soon the wheeling and dealing began.

It made no difference if either party spoke the same language; pin traders shared a special universal language all their own—one that consisted of a nod "yes" or "no," a smile and a handshake.

When a fair trade was confirmed, the traders parted company, but kept the good feelings and memories.

Ask anyone who has a pin collection and they will show you their trading pins. But, hidden away are the ones they would not part with. For each pin has a special story or meaning attached to it.

To some, the whole idea of pin trading is a complete waste of time. They are the unfortunate ones. They missed out on the fun and the opportunity to share something with someone from another country.

Many people just collected pins for the two weeks of the Games and then gave them away on the last day. They just wanted to be involved. But the Olympic pins were a way

for the average person to be a part of the action, not just a spectator.

I received my first pin from Andre McBean, a coach for the U.S. Virgin Islands shooting team. We met for just a few minutes at a welcoming party for all the Olympic shooting teams.

He was kind enough to give me, a complete stranger, one of his pins. It was a simple token of friendship, a little blue and gold piece of metal. But each time I look at it, I remember that night and the friendliness it represented.

For me, that pin is the most memorable souvenir I have of the 1984 L.A. Olympic Games.

By MARY PARCELLS, Production Manager

...a group of turbaned spectators—cheering the German hockey team while the rest of the crowd yells for the Indian team—being escorted out of the stadium by the police...

...a careless photographer putting his cigarette out in the artificial turf and burning a hole in it...

...the ABC camera crew moving the camera from one end of the field to the other at the end of a long, hot day in preparation for the next one...

...a spectator, overcome by the heat, who had come expecting to see ice hockey...

These are a few of the things that stand out in my mind when I look back over my summer as an Olympic volunteer.

Part of my job as a photo marshal

was to make sure the press photographers knew exactly where they were and were not allowed.

Although photo positions at some venues were few and far between, at East L.A. College they covered nearly all areas of the stadium floor except the actual playing area, behind the goals, and in the area reserved for athletes and officials.

On most days, the only trouble we photo marshals had was boredom.

Photographers congregated in the one or two shaded areas, and the other marshals had to stand on the opposite side of the field, in the sun, with nothing to do and no one to talk to (just in case a photographer might wander over to that part of the field for a few seconds).

I had one of the few jobs that allowed access to the playing field, mixing with both the press and the athletes.

Although I was not allowed to take pictures from the field, I was allowed to snap as many as I wanted from the stands.

I spent many hours talking with local, national, and international photographers, immersed in the world of the working photojournalist—both on the field and at the Main Press Center, where I spent many hours observing and making new contacts.

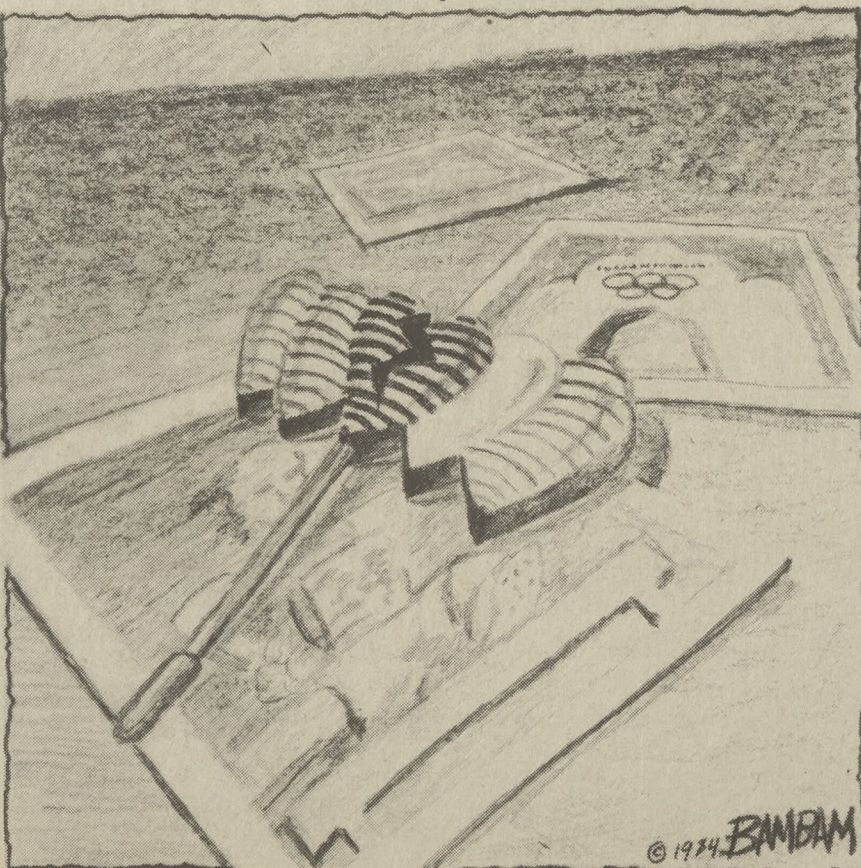
I dealt with a mixture of people from Pakistani to Dutch, from African to Spanish.

I met some of the most gentle and considerate people and some of the rudest and most obnoxious.

My co-workers were all friendly, excited, and glad to be there.

Although I'll never be a world class athlete, for two weeks this summer I was World Class.

As Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, said, "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take part..."



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Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

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## Perspective

## Stressing 'we' in AFT

*This is another in a series of profiles featuring some of the people who affect the quality of life at Valley College.*

By MARY CRONIN, Editor-in-Chief

There are those who equate good leadership with vigor and high visibility. And there are others, like Hal Fox, the newly-elected American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Faculty Guild president, who puts a premium on very different qualities.

"I see myself essentially as a person who helps others to lead. I believe that a good president is a facilitator. He tries to discover ways that other union leadership is encouraged to become and can become more active.

"Enthusiasm develops when people recognize that they have a role and when they are given as free a hand as possible to pursue that role and an important share in decision making. In my opinion, that's what a union ought to be—a union of members who work together."

Fox said he was "very surprised" when former guild president Virginia Mulrooney left the union last year to take the district position of vice-chancellor of human services, and was also concerned about the direction of the union in the wake of her departure.

"I felt that we had a very strong leader in Virginia Mulrooney, and that in losing her we ran the risk of having a leadership that, because of her strength, would have some difficulty determining its direction."

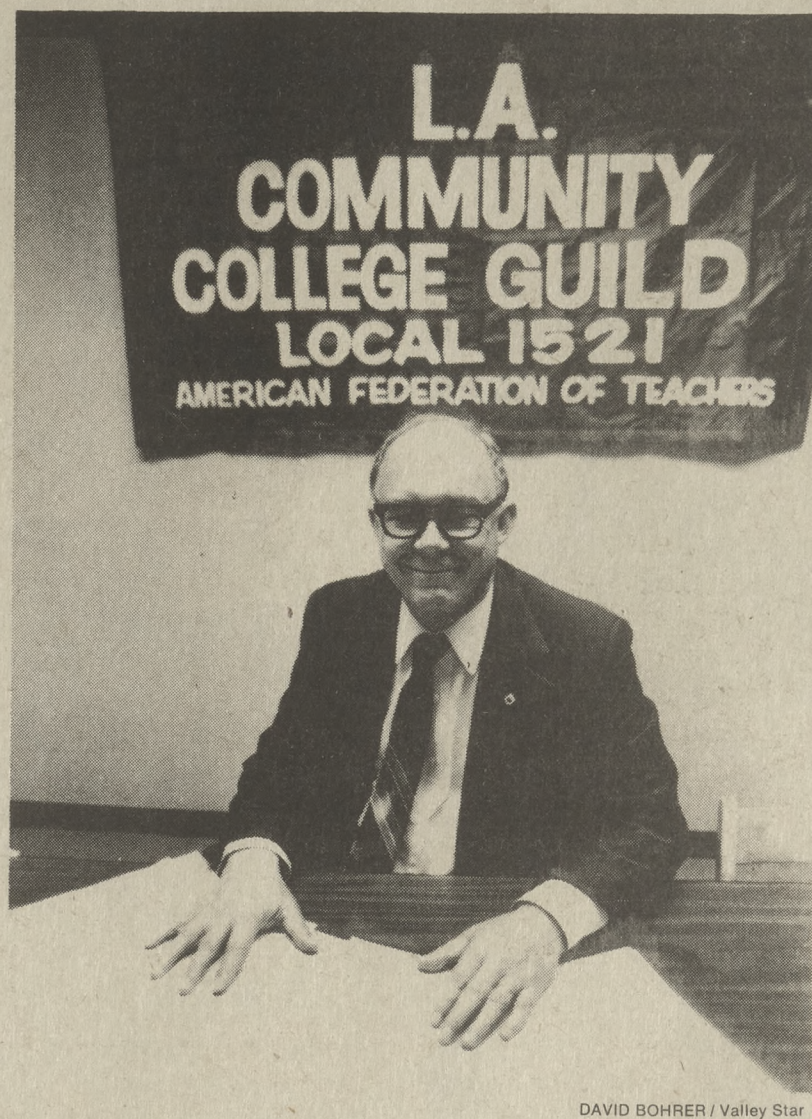
While his election victory over Acting President Marty Hittleman may have come as a surprise to many (especially at Valley, where Hittleman had strong support and garnered twice as many votes), Fox said he "expected to win."

"I think that I have been constantly aware of how faculty felt about issues, and in my campaign I confirmed that. Everywhere I went I saw that faculty really felt that it needed new leadership. The membership of the AFT guild wanted what they felt was a more responsive leadership."

"Inadequately aggressive" is how Fox described the position which was being taken by the union with district management, "particularly in times when we were apparently in pretty bad financial shape, and the guild leadership tended to pass through the district the responsibility to the state. And while state financing is a problem, the leadership did not put enough pressure on the district administration and the board to do its part in trying to solve such problems as reduction of programs and the declining maintenance of plants."

Fox won the election, he believes, by voicing what he called a "general concern" over the "inadequate attempts by our leadership to make the district administration responsive to the educational needs of faculty and staff."

Calling his "faith in the faculty and faith in the union and faith in people in general" the core of his leadership philosophy, Fox said that one of his strongest points is "a refusal to simply dismiss other people's points of view. I refuse to do that, whatever their points of view. I think they should be heard and responded to."



DAVID BOHRER / Valley Star

## News Notes

## LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The library will be conducting a book sale every Friday from noon to 2 p.m. in the office of the head librarian. Quality hard-cover books, but not textbooks, will be sold. Because of a recent large donation of art books, some exceptional buys can be made.

## PATRONS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Patrons Assn. is accepting applications for their Fall '84 scholarships. Applicants must show financial need, have a program of at least 12 units (except nursing students who will be eligible with a 9.5 unit program), and have a 2.0 GPA. Applications can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office, CC100. Deadline is Oct. 19.

## LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be open on weekends, thanks to ASU funding. Beginning Sept. 15, the hours will be from noon to 4 p.m. Weekday hours are currently set at 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## GRADUATION PETITIONS

Friday, Sept. 14 at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for filing petitions for Fall '84 graduation. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, Room 127 of the Administration Building.

## TAU ALPHA EPSILON

After a semester's absence, Tau Alpha Epsilon, the scholastic honor society, has been reactivated at Valley. The club is open to any student who had a 3.2 grade point average or better for at least 12 units during the spring semester or a 3.2 or higher grade point average for the past two semesters. Club meetings will be held each Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CC206, and eligible students are invited to attend.

## ASU PHOTO ID'S

ASU Identification Photos will be taken on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in CC102.

## ASU COUNCIL POSITIONS

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## STUDENT TRUSTEE

The position of LA Community College District Student Trustee is open. Information and applications are available in CC100.

## Valley teachers travel with class; students on summer sojourns shown five parts of world

## Italy

By JUDY BARON, Staff Writer

Siena, Italy was the destination of Valley Professor Gennaro Abondolo and 23 students this summer.

The students whose ages ran between 18 to 67 years were accompanied by two other instructors, one from the University of Windsor and the other from the University of Wisconsin.

The students got a unique and intense learning experience out of the trip.

"They had a chance to practice the language with native Italian families and experience the culture of the country as well," said Abondolo.

The students were obligated to speak Italian at all times.

"Most students brought their knowledge," Abondolo said. "The students had a chance to do some sightseeing as well."

Abondolo, who has taught at Valley since 1964 said that he would do it again. "It was long enough to get a learning experience," he said.

One of Abondolo's students became good friends with a native and decided to stay as a guest for a while longer. Now he is returning in October to pursue his studies in Italian and voice.



MIKE BRAILER / Valley Star

## Germany

By DAVID FROST, Staff Writer

The imprints that the German culture have made upon the American society are many. The greatest of these is the Germanic roots existing in the English language, and this important contribution to our society is often overlooked and unappreciated.

However, fifteen students, guided by Valley Professor of German, Joseph Kraus, were given the opportunity this past summer to fully appreciate the German culture and language. They participated in a four-week series of classes in Munich, West Germany.

The program, which Kraus describes as a "crash-course in the German language," is a multinational gathering of students in which each receives the equivalent of a semester's worth of instruction. Students may also receive three units of credit in the German language department.

Five hours each day are spent in classes. The student-to-instructor ratio is kept low so that learning is made easier. In addition, the students will have two or three instructors per day to add variety to the program and keep interest levels high.

Complementing the fast-paced instruction is the constant exposure to the German language.

According to Kraus, "It is easier to learn the language because they

are in a place where they can use it all the time. Some of the bolder students will start conversations with anyone they meet."

When not attending classes, the students were guided by Kraus to the various points of interest in and around Munich. These included museums, festivals, beer gardens, and opera houses.

The people in Kraus' groups (he has been doing this for four years) have all had different backgrounds. There have been students as well as business executives in the program. The youngest member of any group was 17 and the oldest was 82.

"Interestingly," Kraus pointed out, "the less homogeneous a group with regards to age, sex, occupation the better it works...Each has something different to add."

## Virgin Islands

By MARK YUKELSON, Staff Writer

As part of the International Educational Program, Dr. Joseph Frantz and a lucky group of Valley College biology students took a ten-day trip to the Virgin Islands.

Frantz described the trip as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. "We got to snorkel in the Treasure Island Caves and saw where the pirates used to bury their treasure."

"The real reason for taking the trip," Dr. Frantz explained, "was to study living marine life and the area around it."

Vicki Grosdier, one of the students along on the trip, said, "Looking back on it, I had a wonderful experience. Among the more exciting times was a storm called a tropical depression, with 40 knot winds."

Frantz hopes to get approval to explore Tahiti next.

## Hawaii

By DAVID FROST, Staff Writer

The islands of Hawaii and Maui were the subjects of an 11-day intensive study for natural science students this summer under the direction of Valley Professor of Geography Richard Raskoff.

The purpose of the trip was to examine the various geographical and topographical features of the islands as well as the native plants and wildlife.

Every morning the class would participate in six hours of field study. As they hiked through inland rain forests, they learned about plant and animal specifications and plant and animal communities, or ecosystems.

While trekking across lava flows, they also learned about volcanic eruptions and other aspects of geology.

While swimming in the ocean, they examined coral reef formations

and aquatic ecosystems.

Though all of these activities may take on the appearance of a tourist's approach to the Hawaiian Islands, Raskoff maintained that there is much more to it than that.

"We saw parts of the island that most tourists never see. In addition we were able to appreciate what we saw because we could understand it more fully than the tourist."

There are many benefits involved in field study, and Raskoff describes the greatest one as "being in a giant outdoor lab. This makes it possible for students to see first hand what they would normally only talk about in a classroom."

This program was offered through the L.A. Community College District's International Education Program, and is worth the equivalent of three units in the Natural Science field.

## Spain

By JUDY BARON, Staff Writer

Spanish instructor Dr. Carmen Parr took 35 students with her to Salamanca, Spain during the summer.

The students, whose ages ranged from 16 to 72, studied four hours daily—two hours with American professors and two with professors from Spain.

Although it was Parr's first experience with a Valley tour, as a student she lived with a family in Spain, and has returned to that country several times since.

"I really enjoyed it a lot," she said. "The people in Spain do not speak any English to you, so the student is obligated to speak Spanish and get rid of the fear that most people have at the beginning of learning."

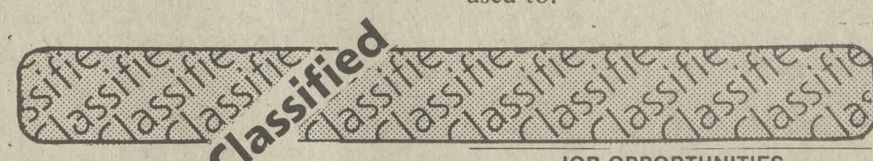
Parr said that Salamanca is an ideal place to study because it is a university town and people from all

over the world come and meet for summer studies.

"One of the unique experiences of the trip was on Aug. 15. There was a celebration in honor of the Virgin Mary, so everything was closed. It was a legal holiday, so we got to experience a fiesta with beautiful costumes," she said.

"The highlights of the trip were really quite remarkable," said Parr. "We had five days in Madrid during which we took advantage and saw the Royal Palace and had a tour of Toledo. Some of the students also did some sightseeing on their own time."

"The only thing that was hard to adjust to was the Spanish schedule," said Parr. "The main meal is at around 2:30 p.m. and then things slow down until about 11 p.m., so the eating schedule was the only thing that we had to get used to."



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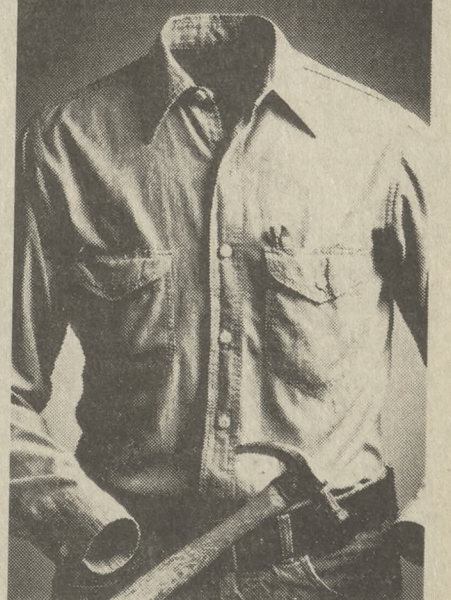
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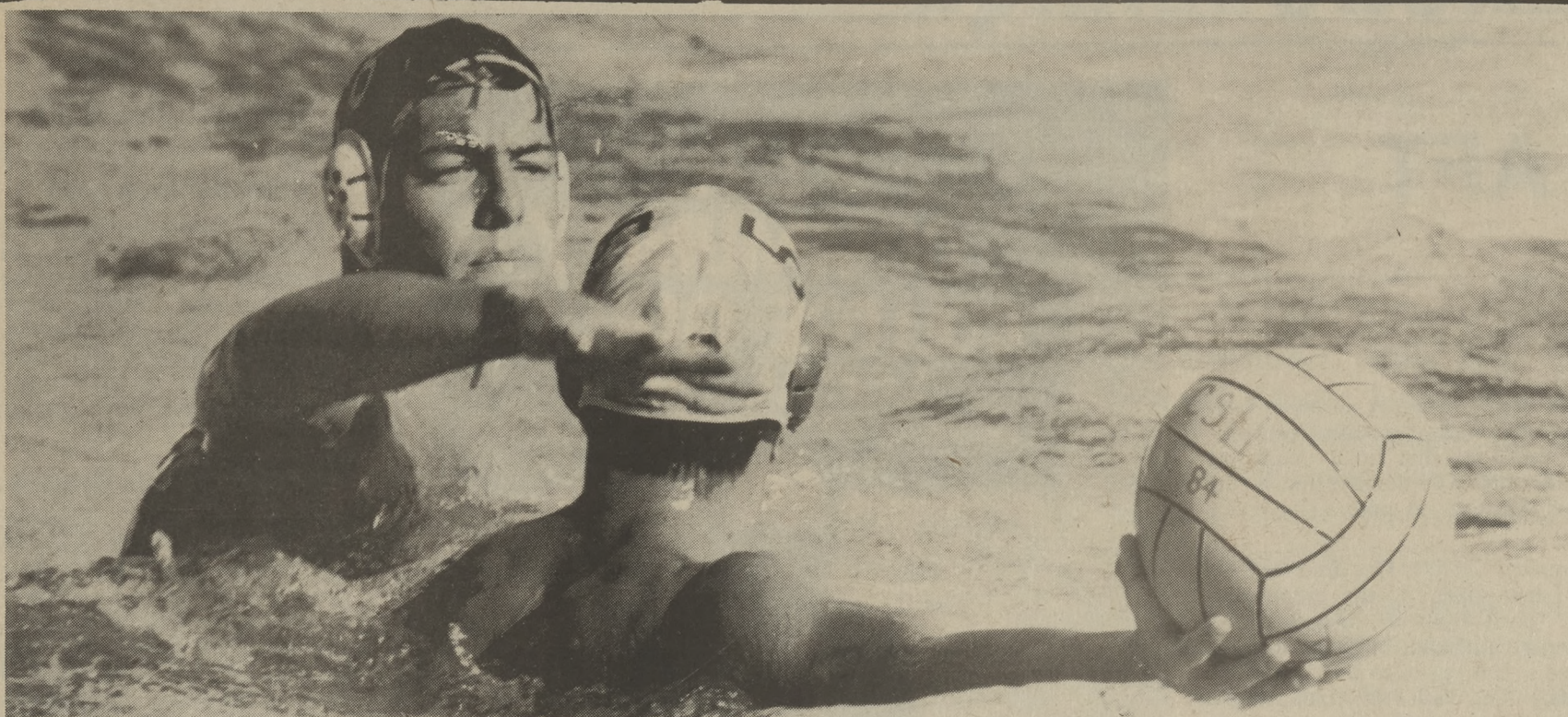


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Gearing up for a new season, Valley's water polo team played their first scrimmage at Cal State LA last Saturday. Above, Valley graduate Paul Swain, who now plays for CSULA attempts a block against Valley's Curt Labus. At left, Valley goalie Sean Connick and teammate Spencer Sas attempt to block an opposing shot.

The season starts with a two-day tournament scheduled for September 15-16 at Ventura College.

Photos and text by Holly Ethridge

## Changes due for water polo

The Valley pool is alive with activity as water polo coach Bill Krauss prepares his team for the 1984 season in the tough Metropolitan Conference.

"This season will include many changes over previous seasons. We started an early semester, which gives us two weeks of extra workout time to get in shape. Another major change is that we were moved from the Inland Valley Conference to the Metropolitan Conference which is much harder," said Krauss.

According to Krauss, there has been a huge turnout for the team, 28 players in all. This can make deciding equal playing time difficult for the coach since only seven players can play at one time and the fact that the four quarters played are only seven minutes long.

Returning from last year's Inland Valley Conference championship team are two All-Conference players: Keith Lutge, and Kirk Klotthor. Also returning are Joe Hunizker, Kirk Rutherford and Dave Fox.

Last year's team finished 7-1 in conference and 18-6 overall. In the final playoff game, which was the deciding factor on which team would attend the Southern California finals, Valley suffered a disappointing 14-11 loss to their rivals, Citrus College. Valley will meet Citrus again this season on Sept. 27.

This year there is great potential in the freshmen. The standouts so far are Derek Enouchs, MVP from Calabasas High and Jack Engleshaw also from Calabasas; Mike Bertram, MVP from Hoover High; Curt Labus, Burbank High; Steve Platman, Reseda High; and from Kennedy High, Cort Carlson and Spencer Sas.

"We should do well in our non-conference games and tournament schedule, but the Metropolitan Conference will be very tough with Long Beach, Ventura and Cuesta all fielding very strong water polo teams," said Krauss.

The 1984 water polo season opener will be a two-day tournament in Ventura beginning Friday, Sept. 14.

## Monarchs set up for new season

By J.D. BOWLES, Assoc. Sports Editor and ANDREA LEWIS, Staff Writer

The Valley College women's volleyball team and the inflation rate now have something in common—they are both going up in their respective worlds.

Closer to home, the women's volleyball team has moved into the Metropolitan Conference. For the previous two seasons the team has competed in the Mountain Valley Conference, placing second in '83.

A combination of "strong defense and quickness" are the major strengths of this year's Monarchs, according to head coach Marla O'Connell.

O'Connell, who played professional volleyball in Italy last year, has co-championship honors in coaching in '81 and '82.

"I'm looking forward to an exciting season," said O'Connell, who begins her eighth year of coaching for Valley. "We have a very homogeneous group."

Only five players are returning from the '83 squad: Cindy Walker, Devorah Fox, Debbie Cohen, Josie Wayne, and Lori Collieran.

"We have a stronger team than last year," said a returning player. "Everyone is really excited."

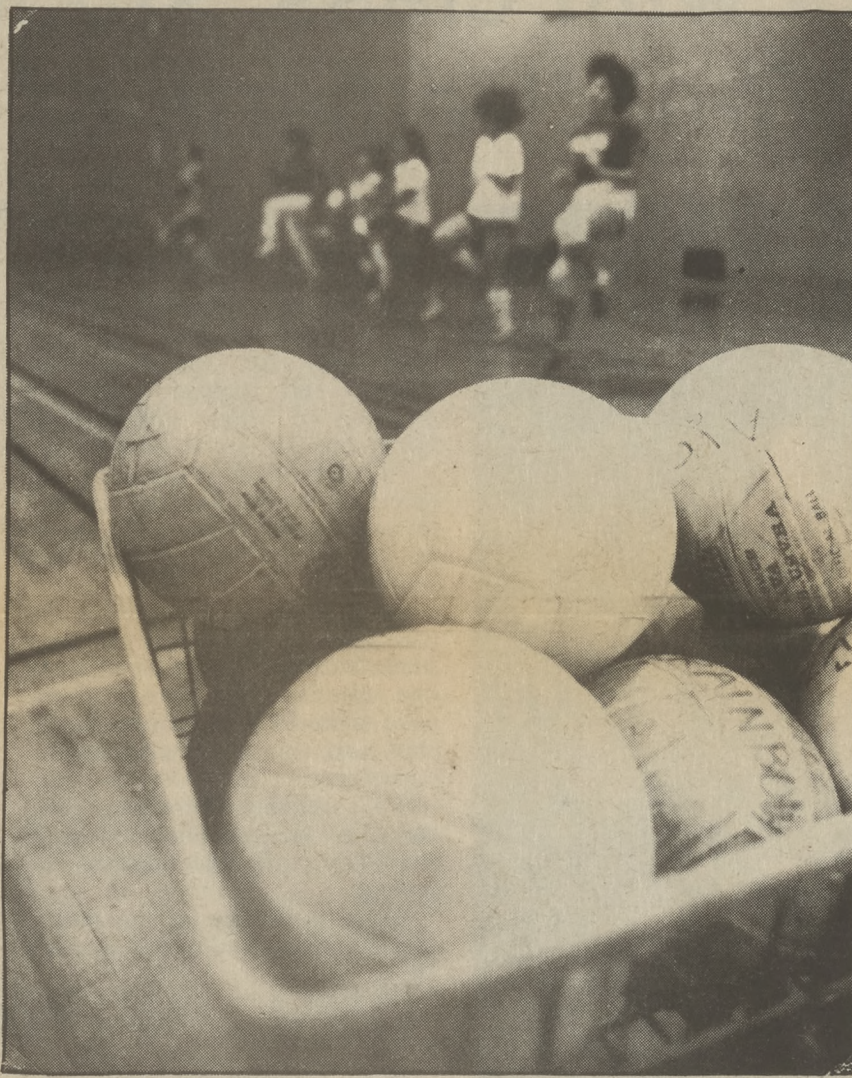
"Not only will the competition be at a higher level this year as compared to last year, there will be more teams. Last year's division consisted of only four teams, and this year's conference is made up of eight teams. I think we can overcome the change," said O'Connell.

She pointed out that with the women's basketball season now being concurrent with the women's volleyball season, some players have to choose between "one or the other, and then both the team and the individual player suffers loss."

But, O'Connell feels the Olympics sparked enough interest to offset the problem. "The medals won by the United States in volleyball sparked many to get involved in sports, and that means the enthusiasm level is much higher."

The 16 game season will be a "tough one," said O'Connell, "but there's no way we are going to lay down and die."

The Monarch women are scheduled for a scrimmage against Pierce on Sept. 14, here at Valley. The season will begin on Sept. 20 at L.A. City College.



DAVID BOHRER / Valley Star

**LYING IN WAIT**—As the '84 season approaches, Valley's women's volleyball team promises to be up and around. The Monarchs have bounced into a tougher division and begin play this month.

## Valley quarterback and captains chosen

By RONN CROWDER, Sports Editor and MARK YUKELSON, Staff Writer

John Laufenberg has replaced Ron Wilson as Valley's starting quarterback because of eligibility problems resulting from Wilson's grades, it was announced last Monday by Chuck Ferrero, head football coach.

The only problems Coach Ferrero sees in the change are Laufenberg's lack of experience and his size. The coach feels that because of his height, he may have trouble passing over taller linemen.

"Laufenberg is a very good short passer who can read the defenses well," said the coach, who later compared him in some ways to Billy Kilmer, former quarterback great for the Washington Redskins.

In response to the change, Rex Walters, team member, stated, "The team is behind Laufenberg

and we expect to do well with him. Although we will miss Ron Wilson, Laufenberg is now the team leader."

Ferrero indicated that because of Laufenberg's passing ability the offense will be more pass oriented.

"Laufenberg is not a scrambler, but he is most effective passing to the flat, and we expect to have a smooth transition."

In another new development, Mike Salerno, Rex Walters, Clay Orrison, and Kelvin Harden were chosen team captains by the football team in an election held last Monday.

"Team captains have the responsibility to call the coin tosses which begin games, and they decide whether to accept or decline penalties called by officials against opponents," said Ferrero.

Team captains are selected from second-year players who have exhibited leadership abilities and have shown other qualities which inspire their fellow players. According to Ferrero, "...they have what it takes."

"It's an honor I didn't expect," said Clay Orrison, inside linebacker, adding, "I think it is excellent."

Rex Walters, defensive end, responded, "I am honored and proud. I am pretty good friends with most of the players. We are all one team."

Kelvin Harden, defensive lineman, who is known to his teammates as "Disco" stated, "This is a big surprise, because many members of the team have worked very hard, and they also deserve recognition."

The only offensive player elected

team captain was Mike Salerno, a wide receiver. His reaction to being elected: "To be picked by my teammates is a big honor. It is totally unexpected."

The new team captains, along with their cohorts, will face their first test in scrimmage at Moorpark this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

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### Sports Line

## New schedule forgets fans

By Ronn Crowder

Bureaucracy is a strange animal, indeed. Someone downtown spent a great amount of time planning the new fall scholastic schedule. They overlooked some very obvious considerations.

First was the ridiculously short summer session. Next, many students and faculty either cut short or cancelled their vacations. Then the nice, air-conditioned bureaucrats forgot about the heat.

Never mind all that. Those things are inconsequential. Worst of all, they forgot to reschedule athletic events.

School will have been in session for almost a month before the first football game, water polo or volleyball match, or cross country meet.

Some say that the athletes are fortunate they won't have to compete in the sweltering temperatures, but some athletes have said that they are getting a little antsy to get on with the season.

Coaches, on the other hand, are happy to have more time to prepare the teams for competition. They think the heat is great to condition the athletes. Right. Let's hear it for the heat.

With all the uncertainties of the new semester, tuition, schedule changes, cancelled classes, and the duress of the heat, many students are experiencing a certain loss of continuity.

Sports provide students some relief from the worries of curricular life. Sports also give the school a focal point around which to rally. For Valley students, without the normal sports activities, the first few weeks of fall semester hold only the promise of lectures, tests and the ever-present heat.

The athletes and coaches will be ready to compete, come September, but until then, Valley sports fans will just have to fan themselves.

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